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WASHINGTON, MAY 16, REUTER - TWO CONGRESSMEN TODAY URGED PRESIDENT CARTER TO RELEASE SECRET INFORMATION ABOUT A NUCLEAR-POWERED GENERATOR THAT THE CIA PLACED IN THE INDIAN HIMALAYAS IN THE 1960s.

RICHARD OTTINGER AND JOHN DINGELL, MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND POWER SUBCOMMITTEE, SAID THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WAS ENTITLED TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

DISCLOSURE OF THE CIA OPERATION WAS FIRST MADE BY OUTSIDE MAGAZINE, WHICH SAID IN ITS MAY ISSUE THAT THE GENERATOR CONTAINING LETHAL LEVELS OF RADIATION WAS LOST IN AN AVALANCHE.

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER DESAI LATER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT KNEW OF THE OPERATION IN THE HIMALAYA MOUNTAINS. BUT HE HAS DISCOUNTED REPORTS THAT THE MISSING GENERATOR WAS A HEALTH HAZARD.

THE TWO CONGRESSMEN, IN A LETTER, ALSO ASKED MR CARTER TO RELEASE INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE USE OF SUCH DEVICES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AND IN THE UNITED STATES.

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